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SPAWAR Deputy Commander Receives Presidential Rank Award

Mr. Robert J. Martin, has been awarded a Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award. The Vice President announced the 1998 award recipients in a recent ceremony at the Old Executive Office building in Washington.



Former Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable John Dalton, presents Easton's Robert Martin with a Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award during a formal recognition ceremony in the Pentagon. Martin, a native of Easton and son of Mary Loretta Martin of Easton is the Deputy Commander of the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in San Diego.

Each year, our Government recognizes a small group of career civil service senior executives with the Presidential Rank Award. The Presidential Rank Award winners have demonstrated their ability to lead a Government that delivers great service, fosters partnerships and community solutions to achieve results, and continuously pushes itself to get the job done more effectively and efficiently.

Martin was recognized with the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award for sustained accomplishment and results-oriented program management as Deputy Commander for the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, which relocated from Washington to San Diego in 1997 as a result of the Base Closure and Realignment process. SPAWAR acquires the computer, communication, surveillance, and reconnaissance systems for Navy ships, submarines, aircraft, and shore facilities as well as other Defense Department and U.S. Government activities. With major facilities in San Diego, Charleston, S.C., and Norfolk, SPAWAR employs about 550 military and 6,000 civilians worldwide.

Martin, a 1957 graduate of Easton Catholic High School, and his wife, Jo Anne Meilinger Martin, traveled from San Diego, where they currently make their home, to the Pentagon ceremony where the Secretary of the Navy presented him with the Presidential award. Robert's mother, Mary Loretta Martin hosted a party at her home in Easton, Pennsylvania to celebrate his receiving the Presidential award. Robert's wife JoAnne, their granddaughter, his brothers, their families, and other close relatives, neighbors and friends, attended the party.

There are two categories of Presidential Rank Awards — Distinguished Executives and Meritorious Executives. Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process that includes nomination by their agency heads, evaluation by boards of private citizens, and approval by the President. The evaluation criteria focuses on the executive's leadership in producing results. Awardees are outstanding leaders who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to public service. Through their personal

conduct and their results-oriented program management, they will have established and maintained a high degree of public confidence and trust.

No more than five percent of the career Senior Executive Service corps can receive the Meritorious Executive Rank Award in a given year. Putting this in perspective -- Of the Government's 1.8 million civilian employees, only 6,800 have risen to be career Senior Executives. Of that elite pool, only 252 were selected to be Meritorious Executives for 1998.

Martin graduated from Saint Francis College in Loretto (near Altoona) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1961. Following graduation, he began his naval career as a research electronics engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory where he worked from 1961 to 1968. He was involved in research concerning electronic, communication, and transmission security programs. His work on these programs, known as COMSEC (for communications security) and TEMPEST (for Transient Electromagnetic Pulse Emanations Standard), contributed significantly to the formulation of the National Communications Security/Emanations Security Memorandum TEMPEST specifications.

He moved to the Naval Electronic Systems Command's Naval Security Engineering Facility in 1968 where he managed the Navy TEMPEST program. His duties included research and development, management of the worldwide field TEMPEST teams and security management support for several programs.

In 1972 he was assigned management responsibility for the Navy COMSEC research and development programs and was responsible for all aspects of those programs from exploratory development through production. In 1976 he was assigned additional responsibility for the joint service Advanced Narrowband Digital Voice Terminal program, known as ANDVT, and managed that program through joint service development and operational testing and production. For this work on ANDVT, he received a Special Achievement Award. He was selected as the Technical Director of the Telecommunications Division in 1980 and was responsible for program management of research and development for Navy Ship and Shore Communications. In 1986 he was selected as the Technical Director of the program management office — PMW-151 — the Special Projects Office.

He has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1987 and has held a variety of assignments since that time, including: Technical Director of Ship and Shore Communications Systems Directorate; Chief Engineer; a special assigned detail to the Commander of Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command as the Transition Executive to develop and execute an integrated plan to downsize the headquarters; Executive Director of the Communications Directorate and Executive Director of the C4I Systems Directorate.

He was responsible for the planning and execution of the merger of the two largest SPAWAR directorates, the Communications Directorate and the Command and Control Directorate into a single integrated organization responsible for all Navy Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Systems (known as C4I). In March 1996, the SPAWAR Headquarters realigned in preparation for relocation to San Diego and subsequent consolidation of the Naval Command, Control, Ocean Surveillance Center with SPAWAR Headquarters. In this realigned organization, he was the Program Director for Command, Control and Communications (C3) Systems. In August 1997, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Commander, SPAWAR.

Throughout his career in SPAWAR, he has been directly responsible for the development, service test and production of more than 60 Communications Security and Communications Systems that are currently in Fleet use.